

New Loitering Law Clarifies 'Curfew'

An analysis of pertinent provisions of the new Juvenile Loitering Law, which comes effective Feb. 3, was released this week by the Los Angeles County Delinquency and Crime Commission. The new law, adopted by the county Board of Supervisors on Jan. 3, is an attempt to clarify some long-standing misconceptions concerning "curfew" laws and to put the law in an understandable and workable form, a commission spokesman said. The ordinance was prepared for the Board of Supervisors by Mitchell L. Throp, deputy county counsel, whose analysis follows:

THE NEW law is not a curfew ordinance, nor will it operate as such. It is aimed

rest under Penal Code Section 647 is an extremely undesirable thing to have on one's record and, of course, could do a young person permanent damage.

THE TERM "other public places" as used in this ordinance includes private establishments open to the public on a non-invitational basis. Such places as movie theaters, drive-in restaurants, and similar business are included. As long as a young person is in the establishment in question after 10 p.m. for a purpose directly or indirectly related to the establishment's business, there will be no problem with violation of the new ordinance. A violation of the new ordinance would occur only if and when a clear case of

loitering takes place. Of the loitering law requires, streets, aimlessly wandering about without purpose, direction or any reason for being on the public streets at a late hour of the night, he is in violation of the Juvenile Loitering Law.

The penalty provisions set forth in the new Ordinance, are the same as those which existed under the old curfew ordinance. They are standard misdemeanor penalties and, of course, represent the maximum penalty which may be imposed, the minimum being discretionary with the courts.

Nobody is so helpless today as the man who has a narrow education, who can't shift when circumstances change. — Dr. E. Wilson Lyon, Pomona College president.

Begin Work On New Park

County Supervisors have taken another step toward the development of a seven-acre park in the Carson-Dominquez area.

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday ordered an agreement for architectural services for a park in the Del Amo Retarding Basin, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The site, donated by Macco Realty Co., is adjacent to the flood control channel near Del Amo and Avalon boulevards.

ARCHITECT Hugh Gibbs of Long Beach will be paid \$11,750 to design working plans for the proposed \$150,000 park.

Included in the plans are an off-street parking area for 30 cars, hard courts, two softball fields, a comfort station and maintenance building.

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"We are taking every step to complete the park at the earliest possible date."

ARCHITECT GIBBS, after reviewing the park program with the County Recreation and Parks Department, prepared the tentative cost and work proposals.

The basin will permit full recreation use of the land and still serve as a flood water retarding area, for which it was originally designed," Chace said.

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